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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RS

IN RE APPLICATION OF THEOPHILUS G.
METSAGHARUN, ET. AL. FOR AN ORDER
GRANTING LEAVE TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS
FOR THE TAKING OF DISCOVERY PURSUANT
TO 28 U.S.C. § 1782

CV 12 Case No. 80 274 MISC
APPLICANTS' ADMINISTRATIVE
MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL
APPLICATIONS IN SUPPORT OF EX
PARTE MOTION TO PROCEED IN
FORMA PAUPERIS

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3 **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION**

4 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(b), the Applicants in *In re Application of Theophilus G.*
5 *Metsagharun*—Theophilus G. Metsagharun, Jackson Omareye, Lofty Ogbe, Bawo Omadeli, and
6 Gbejule Okoturo—hereby move to file under seal their Applications in support of their *Ex Parte* Motion
7 to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis*.

8 Each applicant is an indigent Nigerian villager who has concurrently filed individual
9 Applications and a joint Motion to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis*. Declaration of Richard Herz in Support
10 of Applicants' Administrative Motion to File under Seal Applicants' Declarations in Support of *ex Parte*
11 Motion to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* ¶4. The Applications each contain detailed personal financial
12 information. *Id.* ¶5.

13 “Documents containing personal financial information submitted to support Plaintiff[s’] request
14 to proceed in forma pauperis . . . are not related to the process of adjudicating Plaintiff[s’] claims. Such
15 documents are administrative rather than judicial and are therefore not subject to disclosure to the
16 public.” *Morrison v. Dietz*, No. C-09-05467 JCS, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12859 *8 (N.D.Cal. Feb. 1,
17 2010) (internal citations omitted). Accordingly, Applicants’ motion to seal these documents should be
18 granted. *Id.*; see also *FDIC v. Tarkanian*, No. 10cv980-WQH-BGS, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54037 *5
(S.D. Cal. April 17, 2012) (fact that document contains personal financial information justifies filing
under seal).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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